

**ALLIED ARTS AND LEISURE COUNCIL OF THE
CLEVELAND/BRADLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
ARTS IN EDUCATION GRANT EVALUATION**

- 1. Project title:** “Manga Mia! Graphic Books as a Genre”
- 2. Name of school:** Cleveland Middle School, Library Media Center
- 3. Name of project director:** Grace M. Dyrek, Librarian
- 4. Date(s) of project:** 8th through 12th of May, 2017
- 5. Actual number of individuals benefiting:** our entire sixth grade, around 450+ students
- 6. Actual number of artists participating:** 1 artist, Jennifer White [daughter Kaedee White]
- 7. Grant amount awarded:** \$500.00 **Grant amount spent:** \$500.00
- 8. Give a short summary of your project and how Arts and Leisure Funds were expended.**

The workshop was set up in two parts: In the first part, the artist provided a brief overview of graphic novels, or stories told with pictures. Mrs. White went on and discussed the forms of visual communication and showed, through examples, how words and pictures can come together to tell a story. Students studied a variety of different kinds of communication evident in these comics, identifying strategies illustrators use to enhance their story, such as: onomatopoeia, sequencing, and perspective. Students were also exposed to the wide range of artistic styles evident in this engaging genre.

For the second half of the workshop: Students chose one of four simple nursery rhymes as evident in the video clip. Using the familiar rhyme as inspiration they plotted their own story, drawing pictures and incorporating the strategies discussed earlier. They were urged to be creative in their own interpretations of the nursery rhymes. By completing this project, students deepened their understanding and appreciation of the process involved in illustration.

Include receipts, cancelled checks, or invoices to document expenses.

Mrs. White supplied the boards, scratch paper, pens, and pencils with erasers, needed to execute the project. Please see the attached documents for more details.

9. How did the project address educational objectives?

The project fulfilled its mission by exposing students to select media, techniques and processes of a popular genre of literature, graphic books. It enabled them to reflect on its effectiveness and incorporated elements of design and the principles of composition. It also encouraged problem-solving skills as they realized that there are stages in writing and illustrating a story, that build upon one another.

10. How was your project evaluated?

The students all received a grade for this project from their language arts teachers and a selection was made to choose our prize winners: 5 first place winners [gold medals]; 5 second place winners [silver medals]; and 5 third place winners [bronze medals] by how well they executed their project and met the assigned criteria.

Was there a written evaluation by students and/or teachers?

Please go to <http://www.ireadcms.com>

And view our student's comments and pictures/videos of the "Manga Mia" workshop about mid-way down the homepage.

11. How would you rate your project with 1 being lowest and 5 being highest?

1 2 3 4 5, most definitely!

Please return this form to the Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 2275, Cleveland, TN 37320-2275, no later than May 31, or the next business day. Remember you cannot receive funding for the next year unless you return this evaluation form.

Comments by Teachers:

"This is my 9th Manga Mia presentation and it never fails to be a student favorite. I never grow tired of experiencing it through my student's eyes.

Kaedee White presented with great insight and enthusiasm learning from the best, her mother. It has come full circle that a CMS student is actually leading the presentation. I am extremely grateful our students have the opportunity to have a former CMS student, now artist, teach them through a hands on project. The prizes are great too!
Thank you for your support."

Sincerely,
Anne Woody, ELA Green Team

"I am thankful for the opportunity that our students had with Jennifer and Kaedee. Often, our students do not get the chance to explore this area of Language Arts and what a treat it was to have them here to expose our kids to graphic books. Thank you! "

Natalie Roe, 6th Grade ELA Teacher

"Thank you for organizing the Manga Mia project for our 6h grade students again this year. This group seemed to especially like the challenge of retelling nursery rhymes in their own creative ways. As teachers of a class that is made up of a significant percentage of non-native English speakers was interesting for Mrs. Williams and me to see the process some of our students had to go through to complete this task, but each of our students worked hard to meet the challenge. Kaedee was a wonderfully patient teacher and did an excellent job keeping this large group engaged. We really enjoyed this year's edition of our graphic novel project."

Sincerely,
Loes Riggins, 6th Grade ELA Teacher

